



2009-10 Board Members and Vietnam Team

Board Members

Fred D. Minifie, Ph.D (President): Fred Minifie, Ph.D. is Professor Emeritus of Speech and Hearing Sciences, at the University of Washington where he served for 29 years, including eleven years as Department Chair. He previously taught at the University of Wisconsin for 8 years. He has authored five books about speech and hearing, including the seminal textbook (with Hixon and Williams), "Normal Aspects of Speech, Hearing, and Language", and has published over 60 scientific and professional articles in national and international journals. Fred's prolific research career has been supported by numerous grants from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the US Department of Education.

As President of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in 1983, Fred directed this enormous organization through one of its most formative periods, and he continues to serve as an advisor to the Association. Fred has served as President of both the American Speech-Language Hearing Foundation and the Council of Graduate Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders. His contributions have been widely recognized with many honors and awards, including most notably the Honors of the Association, awarded by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in 1990, the Honors of the Council of Graduate Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders, the 2000 Golden Ear Drum Award by the Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center, and as the Outstanding Graduate from the University of Iowa, Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Since his retirement in 2000, Fred has produced a number of instructional animations on the physiology of speech and hearing mechanisms. He is also a past President of the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight and Hearing, and past President and current member of the University Lions Club in Seattle. During 2008-2009, Fred chaired a fundraising campaign for the Lions Clubs of Washington, Northern Idaho and British Columbia to help families in Bolivia earn enough money to keep their children from having to work in the mines.

Terrance Stringer, MBA (Vice-President, Treasurer): Terry Stringer has over 30 years experience in the petroleum industry including the positions of vice-president and executive vice-president of publically traded and privately held companies and their subsidiaries, including three years international trading out of England. Now retired, Terry continues to offer his expertise to small and medium-size companies by providing financial and general business consulting services. Terry is a former Board member of Amgen Corporation and Tri-Valley Corporation and a current Board member of ConvertCoal, Inc. He has non-profit experience with Business Volunteers for the Arts-Los Angeles, Rebuilding Together Orange County, and Youth for Understanding-USA. Terry holds a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Illinois and an MBA from UCLA with an emphasis in Finance, and also served as a US Naval Officer for nearly six years.

Sharron Baggs (Secretary): During her professional career, Sharron Baggs was employed by Pacific Bell and PHH HomeEquity, before retiring from Bank of America as Vice President and Global Risk Manager responsible for mitigating the banking risks related to large syndicated credits initiated by Fortune 1000 clients. Sharron has been involved with many nonprofit and charitable organizations over the years, including Junior League of the Oakland-East Bay, Board of Directors of Viewpoint School (Calabasas, California), the Agoura-Calabasas Special Education Consortium, and Moraga (California) School District. She presently serves as Secretary for the Board of Directors at Anacortes Senior College. She has a BA in History and Political Science from the University of San Diego. Sharron is the proud mother of two daughters and grandmother of two grandsons.

Paige Stringer (Executive Director): Paige Stringer has 12 years of corporate marketing experience, including managerial positions held at the Clorox Company and Amazon.com. Her expertise is in marketing communications, business development, and product management. She has her own business providing freelance marketing communications services and is a published travel writer. Paige is a member of the University Lions Club in Seattle. She is former Vice President of the Board of Directors at Listen and Talk, an auditory-verbal program in Washington State that provides early intervention, pre-school, and pre-K programs and services for children with hearing loss and their families. She previously served on the Board of Directors for Wrestling the World, a non-profit entity committed to humanitarian projects around the world, Vice President of the Board for the University of Washington Young Alumni Association, and was a member of the Board of the University of Washington's Big W Scholar-Athlete Alumni Club.

Paige was born hard of hearing, but thanks to early intervention programs, high quality hearing aids, and strong family and teacher support, was able to assimilate into hearing society and attended regular schools throughout her academic career. She holds a B.A. from the University of Washington where she was a full scholarship athlete on the women's tennis team, and a M.A. from the University of San Francisco. Paige was honored with Oticon, Inc's 2009 Focus on People Award for her advocacy efforts.

Martha Harney, M.S., CCC-A - Martha Harney is an Audiology Clinical Supervisor and Lecturer in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at the University of Washington. Her expertise is in Audiological Assessment, Amplification and Aural Rehabilitation. Martha has been employed for 13 years in the University. Her primary work is to mentor audiology graduate students within the University of Washington Speech and Hearing Clinic. She is departmental practicum coordinator, advising AuD students within their clinical rotations and acting as liaison to institutions that provide externship positions. Martha is onsite director of the NW Lions Foundation Hearing Aid Bank at the University of Washington. Martha was employed previously for a decade with Group Health Cooperative providing adult and pediatric diagnostic and amplification services.

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San Jose State University and her M.S. in Audiology from the University of Washington. She is a member of the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association, American Academy of Audiology and the Washington Society of Audiology.

Verna Kilic, MS, SLP – Verna Kilic is a speech-language pathologist, who is currently a stay-at-home mother of three children. She obtained her MS in speech-language pathology from the University of Washington, and has worked as a clinical speech pathologist at Group Health and Learning and Language Services. Her special interests are child language acquisition, learning disabilities and second language acquisition, cultural learning, and health education. In addition to English, she speaks Turkish, her husband's language of origin. Verna is a past board member of Listen and Talk, a private, non-profit program for infants and children with hearing loss in Seattle, Washington.

Fran Lalas, MBA: Fran Lalas is a Senior Analyst with the Global Philanthropy Group, based in Seattle Washington. She has an extensive background in political and issue campaigns, project management, and strategic and crisis communications. Fran's political experience includes managing campaigns at the local, state and national levels. She was a Regional Political Director for the Kerry-Edwards 2004 presidential campaign. Prior to working at Global Philanthropy Group, Fran was a consultant working with Fortune 500 companies, government agencies and non-profit organizations. She has helped organizations including the Washington State Department of Health and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Fran has developed strategic advocacy and communications plans, launched successful fundraising and coalition-building campaigns, and created social marketing plans. In the private sector, she has marketing and strategy experience working with companies from a variety of industries including retail, technology and consumer products.

Fran is a native of the Pacific Northwest and volunteers for multiple health and children's advocacy organizations. Fran holds a BS from the University of Washington and an MBA from the University of Washington Foster School of Business.

Richard Pepe – Rich Pepe is the founder and CEO of Pepe International, a consortium of restaurant, wine, travel, and hospitality businesses based in Carmel, California. Rich is a self-made entrepreneur, executive chef, and restaurateur who owns several properties including Peppoli restaurant at Pebble Beach, Little Napoli "Bistro Italiano", Carmel Bakery, and Pepe Winery, among others. He is involved with many community and civic organizations such as the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club. An avid tennis player and coach, he has volunteered with the US Deaf Sports Federation and coached the tennis teams since 1989 in international competitions including the Deaf Olympics in Sofia Bulgaria '93 and Copenhagen, Denmark '97, Rome, Italy '01, plus three Dresse and Maere Cups.

Mary Tait- Mary Tait is a Washington State K-8 certified elementary education teacher. Mary has worked for the Lake Stevens School District for the past ten years, specializing in highly capable education for 2nd through 5th grade children. During this time, her classes have consistently tested top in

the district and placed in the top ten percentile in the state. Prior to entering a career in education, Mary worked as a Compliance Officer at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) in Overland Park, KS and Washington State University (WSU) in Pullman, WA, where she had to deal with student-athletes and sports' administrators/management on a daily basis helping them navigate the complex sports law that governs modern collegiate sports.

Mary holds two Masters Degrees from Eastern Washington University and Gonzaga University. While earning a BA from the University of Washington, Mary was recognized as "University of Washington Female-Athlete of the Year" and held the top position on the woman's tennis team. Mary is also hard-of-hearing, wears two hearing aids and is blessed to have had such wonderful parents, teachers and administrators in both the private and public sectors of education. Mary is always looking for opportunities to help deaf children through some of the challenges they face in growing up in society with hearing impairments.

Board Advisors

Nancy Hatfield, PhD - Nancy Hatfield is the Director, Early Childhood for Washington Sensory Disabilities Services (WSDS). She was the creative catalyst for effective Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) programs in Washington State and has worked with WSDS since 1992 to enhance statewide capacity to meet the needs of children and young adults with sensory disabilities. She co-directs the deaf-blind project, as well as functioning as administrative director of WSDS staff and grants based at the Puget Sound Educational Service District. Nancy's prior work experience includes early intervention services for families with infants and toddlers who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind. She wrote grants for ECHO (Early Childhood Hearing Outreach to Early Head Start programs) and early intervention training programs for the Washington State Department of Health and the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services. Nancy holds a B.A. in Speech Pathology/ Audiology and a M.S. and Ph.D. in Education and Human Development.

Nikki Maziasz- Nikki Maziasz is a retired Senior Vice President & Regional Manager of Wells Fargo Bank, where she served for 31 years with numerous assignments in consumer banking, commercial lending and real estate construction lending. In her last 15 years with the bank, she was a Regional Manager responsible for approximately \$1 billion of construction loans to real estate developers in Northern California, northern Nevada and Utah. She has been an active board member in many non-profit endeavors including: United Way, March of Dimes, Salvation Army, and the Family Stress Center. She currently serves on the Board of Holy Names University and the Kennedy-King Scholarship Foundation. Nikki holds a BA in Business Administration from Holy Names University.

Lori Mercer, Ph.D, CCC-A – Lori Mercer owns Northgate Hearing Services, a private practice in audiology in Seattle, Washington. She obtained her BA degree in Communication Disorders from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, her MA in Audiology from Washington State University, and her clinical Doctorate

degree in Audiology from the Arizona School of Health Sciences. Lori has practiced audiology since 1987 and has been in private practice since 1994. Previously, she worked in a multidiscipline medical practice and as a public school audiologist. Lori is a member of the Academy of Dispensing Audiologists, American Academy of Audiology, Washington Society of Audiology, and the Washington Audiology Alliance.

Suzanne Quigley Ph.D, CCC-A – Suzanne Quigley is the Executive Director of Listen and Talk, an auditory-verbal program in Washington State that provides early intervention, pre-school, and pre-K programs and services for children with hearing loss and their families. Suzanne holds her BA in Audiology from The George Washington University, her MS in Audiology from Columbia University, and her Ph.D. in Hearing Sciences from the University of Washington. From 1991-2000 she was Director of Audiology and Director of Cochlear Implants at Virginia Mason Medical Center. During that time, Suzanne was also a clinical and associate professor at the University of Washington, focusing on areas of aural rehabilitation. She is an elected official on the Lake Stevens city council, serves on the Board of Directors for the Lake Stevens Education Foundation, and is a member of the University Lions Club in Seattle. She is past President of the Lake Stevens Concerned Citizens and a founding member of Academic Beginnings for Children.

Judith Simser O.Ont, B.Ed., Dip. Ed. Deaf, Cert. AVT – Judy Simser is an internationally-acclaimed speaker on the education of children with hearing loss and the former director of the Auditory-Verbal Program at the Children's Hospital in Ottawa, Canada. She also worked in Taiwan for six years, where she established two Auditory-Verbal clinics serving over 1,000 families and trained 36 teachers. Judy also spent a year training Auditory-Verbal therapists from Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Indonesia, and developed an auditory-verbal center at the Singapore General Hospital. She now resides in Ottawa where she continues to serve as an international consultant on childhood hearing loss and is an ambassador for the AG Bell Association. A past president of Auditory-Verbal International and recipient of the AG Bell International Teacher of the Year Award, Judy has also been recognized for her contributions to the profession with the Canadian Commemorative Medal and the prestigious Order of Ontario. Judy has contributed to many publications and is the parent of a son with a profound hearing loss who is currently practicing law.



Vietnam Deaf Education Teacher Training Program Team

Program Leaders

Auditory Verbal Education/ Therapy

Maura Berndsen, MA, CED, LSLS Cert. AVT - Maura Berndsen is the Educational Director of Listen and Talk, an auditory-verbal therapy and education program in Seattle, Washington that provides early intervention, blended preschool/pre-K classes, auditory-verbal therapy and consultation services for children with hearing loss and their families. Maura has worked in auditory-oral and auditory-verbal settings since 1990, joining Listen and Talk in 1996. As Educational Director at Listen and Talk, she also provides early intervention, auditory-verbal therapy, and educational consultations. Maura speaks nationally about the subject and has contributed to publications on the topics of auditory-verbal therapy and the development of listening and spoken language in children with all degrees of hearing loss. She is President of the Executive Committee of Option Schools, Inc., a non-profit organization committed to advancing excellence in oral deaf education across the US. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language. Maura holds a BA in Deaf Education from Fontbonne University and a MA in Early Childhood Education from the University of Texas, San Antonio. She also holds Listening and Spoken Language Specialists (LSLS) Certification as an Auditory-Verbal Therapist (LSLS Cert. AVT).

Speech Language Pathology

Terra L. Boulse – Archaro, MA, CCC-SLP, has ten years experience working as a speech – language pathologist in the public school system, pediatric hospital setting, and private practice clinics. She also has three years of experience working as a clinical supervisor and lecturer at the University of Northern Colorado and the University of Washington. Terra received her Master’s degree in Speech – Language Pathology from Truman State University. Terra spent four years working as a speech – language pathologist in Colorado Springs at the center-based schools for the hearing impaired and four years at the Bill Daniel’s Center for Children’s Hearing at The Children’s Hospital in Denver as a deaf and hard of hearing specialist. During her time at The Children’s Hospital, she served as an aural rehabilitation therapist on the cochlear implant team and developed an early intervention program for children with hearing loss and their parents. Terra currently owns her own private practice and works as a clinical supervisor at the University of Washington.



Audiology

Martha Harney, M.S., CCC-A – Martha Harney is an Audiology Clinical Supervisor and Lecturer in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at the University of Washington. Her expertise is in Audiological Assessment, Amplification and Aural Rehabilitation. Martha has been employed for 13 years in the University. Her primary work is to mentor audiology graduate students within the University of Washington Speech and Hearing Clinic. She is departmental practicum coordinator, advising AuD students within their clinical rotations and acting as liaison to institutions that provide externship positions. Martha is onsite director of the NW Lions Foundation Hearing Aid Bank at the University of Washington. Martha was employed previously for a decade with Group Health Cooperative providing adult and pediatric diagnostic and amplification services. Martha's volunteer work has included organizing local fund raisers for international concerns. Martha also previously worked as a Peace Corps volunteer in Africa to provide audiology services to deaf and hard of hearing children, serving within the Kenya Society for Deaf Children. Martha holds her B.A. from San Jose State University and her M.S. in Audiology from the University of Washington. She is a member of the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association, American Academy of Audiology and the Washington Society of Audiology.

Early Intervention

Judith Odendahl MA, Ed.; LSLS Cert. AVEd. Judy Odendahl has over 20 years of experience in the field of Deaf Education, having taught at Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children in San Antonio, Texas, Central Institute for the Deaf and St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, Missouri. She holds a BA degree in Deaf Education from Fontbonne University, a MA degree in Early Childhood Education from University of Texas San Antonio and is a certified Listening and Spoken Language Specialist in Auditory Verbal education. Judy is currently working as an Early Intervention therapist at St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf utilizing Auditory Verbal and developmental models. She is a supervising teacher for graduate students doing practicum work in Early Intervention in Deaf Education and team teaches a graduate class in early child language at Fontbonne University during the summer. Fontbonne holds the distinction of offering one of only a few Early Intervention in Deaf Education programs in the country.

Team Members

Jill Bargones, PhD, CCC-Audiology - Jill serves as Communication Specialist for Family Conversations at Seattle Children's Hospital in Washington State where she provides early intervention services to deaf and hard of hearing infants and toddlers and their families. She brings the team over 20 years of experience in pediatric audiology and early intervention. Jill holds her doctorate in Auditory Development from the University of Washington. She is a past recipient of the Gatzert Child Welfare Fellowship and the John C. Snidecor Award for Excellence in Speech Pathology and Audiology.



Mary Daniels, M.A.Ed, LSLS Cert AVEd. - Mary Daniels is the Director of Education at St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf. In this capacity she oversees the educational programming from birth through 8th grade. With over 30 years experience in the education of children with hearing loss, Mary has taught at all grade levels. She has presented workshops to parents and professionals on such topics as, “The Big Early Intervention Puzzle”, “Promoting Language through Social Interactions”, “Literacy and Language Development”, and “Effective Transitions”. Mary was the past director of the early intervention program in St. Louis and has worked with the St. Joseph Institute programs in Kansas City, Indianapolis, and Champaign, IL. She received her undergraduate degree in Deaf Education from Fontbonne University and her Master Degree in Early Childhood Education from Maryville University. She is currently completing a second Master Degree -- in Educational Administration -- from Missouri Baptist University.

Janet Fuller, MA Ed – Janet is a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing. She has over 20 years experience working with children with hearing loss in early intervention and school settings. She currently works for Sound Beginnings at Utah State University (USU) where she teaches 3 to 5 year olds in a self contained auditory oral preschool. She also supervises graduate students in the Auditory Learning and Spoken Language program. Before her employment at USU she worked for Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and the Indiana Department of Education as an Educational Consultant assigned as a state-wide resource for Auditory Learning and Spoken Language for public schools. Janet has also worked at St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf-Indianapolis. While working at SJI-I she helped integrate speech therapy in the classroom as well as create a music program specific to children with early language and listening skills.

Hillary Ganek, MA, CCC-SLP, LSLS Cert. AVT – Hillary is a Speech-Language Pathologist and Auditory-Verbal Therapist at The Listening Center at Johns Hopkins in Maryland where she provides auditory rehabilitation to families with children between 1 and 10 years of age post-cochlear implantation. She holds a BA in linguistics from McGill University and Masters degree in speech-language pathology from Northwestern University. While working at the Cora Barclay Centre, an Auditory-Verbal clinic in South Australia, Hillary was named the 2008 AG Bell International Professional Section Rookie of the Year.

Kim Hamren, M.Ed, CED, LSLS Cert. AVT –Kim Hamren is the Early Intervention Specialist and Parent Infant Coordinator at Listen and Talk in Seattle, Washington. Over the years Kim has served as a preschool teacher, Auditory Verbal therapist, and preschool coordinator. She received her Teacher of the Deaf certification and her B.S. in Education from the University of Nebraska-Omaha in 1980 and her M. Ed in Early Childhood Special Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1992. She became a LSLS Certified Auditory Verbal Therapist in 2003. Previously, Kim taught preschool at the Omaha Hearing School for more than 4 years along with some Birth-3 services. She worked for 5 years as a Home-Based Special Educator for Birth-3 services with the Lincoln Public School District where she worked with families whose children had a variety of special challenges. She provides mentoring services in the First Years Project through the University of North Carolina and has been a co-presenter

at Alexander Graham Bell Convention, EHDI Convention and the Washington Infant and Early Childhood Conference.

Judy Nguyen, M.A., CCC-SLP - With her Vietnamese cultural background and knowledge of the influential role first language plays in language acquisition, Judy has found a great fit being a speech-language pathologist in the public school setting since 2002 in the primarily multi-cultural and multi-lingual population of the Hacienda La Puente school district in Los Angeles County, California. She received a Teacher of the Year for Special Education recognition in the 2008-2009 school year for her work in the school district as an SLP. She has years of experience working with the preschool population in the school district's Early Intervention program and special education adults (ages 18-22) in the Adult Transition Program ranging from students with multi-cultural/lingual backgrounds, mental retardation, autism, Down syndrome, deaf and hard-of-hearing, dysfluency, apraxia and receptive and expressive language impaired. Judy continues to collaborate with other Special Education professionals implementing goals and objectives that focus on providing the most appropriate treatment(s) and learning environment(s) for the students to receptively and expressively communicate with others to the best of their ability. The goal is to help students become functional and independent communicators of language that are based on their individual needs and consultation with parents and caregivers to ensure carryover of skills taught in the student's home environment. She holds a Master of Arts from California State University, Fullerton.

Helen Zuganelis, M.S., CCC-SLP -- Helen is a speech-language pathologist who specializes in working with children with hearing loss in the Orland, IL school district. Her experience spans a variety of settings and roles. She began her career as a clinical research speech-language pathologist and member of the cochlear implant team at the DeVault Otologic Research Lab in Indianapolis, IN. She went on to work on the start up team for the St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf-Indianapolis satellite school. During her stay at SJI-I, Helen integrated speech-language therapy for children into the classroom and provided individual therapy. She also functioned as a classroom teacher for a 3-4 year old group and provided home based early intervention. Upon return to her hometown, Chicago, Helen worked at Child's Voice school on the early intervention team. She expanded her experiences with hearing impaired children as an aural (re)habilitation specialist on the cochlear implant team at Children's Memorial Hospital. She worked with children with a large variety of ages, modes of communication, and special needs. Helen participated in the pilot program for the First Years Certificate in Auditory Learning for Children with Hearing Loss and she is also Hanen certified.